GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:452
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006
FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) The number of foreign tourists visited India during each of the last three years, State-wise ;

(b) Whether the Government proposes to prepare a special package to attract more foreign tourists ;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) The other concrete measures being taken to boost tourism in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The estimated number of foreign tourist visits to different States/UTs of India during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 are given in Annexure.

(b) and (c): Tourism is primarily a private sector activity with Government playing the role of a facilitator and catalyst. Special packages to attract more foreign tourists are offered normally by tour operators. However, Ministry of Tourism undertakes the following promotional activities to attract more foreign tourists to the country :-

Centralized Electronic Media and on-line Campaigns,

Advertising in the Print Media,

Participation in Fairs & Exhibitions,

Organising Seminars, Workshops & Road Shows,

Organising/Sponsoring India Evenings,

Organising/participating in Buyer-Seller Meet,

Organising Food & Cultural Festivals,

Inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers under the Department's Hospitality Programme,

Printing and distributing Brochures and Collaterals,

Brochure Support/Joint Advertising with Travel Agents/Tour Operators,

Market Research and collection of market intelligence data, and

Public relations.

(d): Apart from the promotional measures taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country, financial assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments for projects to develop tourism infrastructure in tourist destinations and circuits. So far in the 10th Plan, 1008 projects have been approved and more than Rs. 1500 crore sanctioned under various plan schemes for tourism infrastructure development in the States/UTs.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.452 ANSWERED ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING FOREIGN TOURISTS State-wise Foreign Tourist Visits during the Years 2003, 2004 and 2005

Sr. No.	State/U.T.	2003	2004	2005
1	Andhra Pradesh	479318	501019	560024
2	Arunachal Pradesh	123	269	289
3	Assam	6610	7285	10782
4	Bihar	60820	38118	63321
5	Goa	314357	363230	336803
6	Gujarat	37534	21179	47107
7	Haryana	84981	66153	59353
8	Himachal Pradesh	167902	204344	207790
9	Jammu & Kashmir	24330	40242	44345
10	Karnataka-	249908	530225	545225
11	Kerala	294621	345546	346499
12	Madhya Pradesh	92278	145335	160832
13	Maharashtra	986544	1218382	1448656
14	Manipur	-	257	249 316
15	Meghalaya	6304	12407	5099
16	Mizoram	-	279	326 273
17	Nagaland	-	743	1084 883
18	Orissa	25020	28817	33310
19	Punjab	4589	7312	4353
20	Rajasthan	628560	971772	1131164
21	Sikkim	11966	14646	16523
22	Tamil Nadu	901504	1058012	1179316
23	Tripura	3196	3171	2677
24	Uttaranchal	55228	62885	75995
25	Uttar Pradesh	817000	1037243	1174597
26	Chattisgarh	1150	3000	912
27	Jharkhand-	3223	4375	6035
28	West Bengal	705457	775694	895639
29	Andaman & Nicobar	4142	4578	2147
30	Chandigarh	17057	16137	23284
31	Daman & Diu	3274	4111	6164
32	Delhi	693827	839574	1511893
33	Dadra&Nager Haveli	136	168	1226
34	Lakshadweep	682	1285	941
35	Pondichery	25559	32053	36009
	Total	6708479	8360226	9939782

Figures are estimated Source: State/U.T. Governments